

1 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
2 DISTRICT OF NEVADA

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4 CHRISTOPHER LEE GOLDMAN,  
5 a/k/a KOTTIE PALOMA, an individual,  
6 Plaintiff,

7 v.

8 SAAYID ASAAD, an individual; KEVON  
9 STOREY, an individual; and EPIC  
10 RECORDS, a New York company,  
11 Defendants.

Case No. 2:15-cv-01586-APG-CWH

**ORDER**

(ECF No. 33)

12 Plaintiff Christopher Lee Goldman filed objections to Magistrate Judge Hoffman's order  
13 denying Goldman's motion to file exhibits to its motion for default judgment under seal. ECF No.  
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15 Goldman's blanket request to file all billing records under seal goes too far. As Magistrate  
16 Judge Hoffman points out, the fact that counsel researched and prepared a pleading or motion is  
17 not confidential or protected by the attorney-client privilege or work product doctrine, especially  
18 when the pleading or motion is filed in court. Nevertheless, billing records that reveal the contents  
19 of attorney-client privileged conversations or the attorney's confidential work product would be  
20 protected.

21 Goldman claims the hourly rates his attorneys charge are protected trade secrets under  
22 Nevada Revised Statutes § 49.325(1). The statute does not define "trade secret" and Goldman  
23 offers no caselaw applying the statute to lawyers' rates. Magistrate Judge Hoffman's decision on  
24 this issue is not clearly erroneous or contrary to law. Local Rule IB 3-1. Therefore, that portion of  
25 Goldman's objection is overruled; he cannot shield his lawyers' hourly rates from disclosure.

26 IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Goldman shall file an unredacted version of its billing  
27 records under seal by July 28, 2017. By that date, Goldman shall also file an unsealed version of  
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1 those same records, but may redact only those specific portions of entries that reveal the contents  
2 of attorney-client privileged conversations or the attorney's confidential work product.

3 Dated: July 14, 2017.



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5 ANDREW P. GORDON  
6 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE  
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